

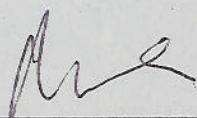
Statement of Intent

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the Environmental Protection Department of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, People's Republic of China (HK EPD) have been collaborating on environmental protection for over a decade to protect the environment and health of communities in the U.S. and Hong Kong. Both agencies have developed strong capacity to adopt science and research-based approaches to environmental protection while strategically engaging stakeholders such as environmental service providers that can help the agencies meet environmental targets, protect human health and support sustainable development.

U.S. EPA and HK EPD intend to jointly address global environmental challenges of mutual concern, based on shared priorities, by enhancing collaboration in the areas of environmental laws and enforcement capacity, air/climate and water quality protection, sustainable communities and development, and waste management, with a view to promoting and strengthening regional partnership efforts.

- 1) With regard to environmental law and enforcement capacity building, EPA and HK EPD intend to enhance information exchanges, training and experience sharing between the agencies on the implementation of environmental laws and environmental impact assessment processes, thereby contributing to effective delivery of environmental targets.
- 2) With regard to air quality protection and combating climate change, EPA and HK EPD intend to build on existing collaboration to enhance air quality monitoring capacity, exchange findings of scientific studies, and share expertise and strategies to reduce emissions of pollutants and greenhouse gases from stationary and mobile sources.
- 3) With regard to water quality protection, EPA and HK EPD intend to enhance collaboration on water quality monitoring capacity building, and share expertise and strategies on the prevention and management of water pollution.
- 4) With regard to sustainability, the agencies intend to link communities and private sector partners in the U.S. and Hong Kong around the themes of household and community-based approaches to sustainable living and sustainable development in order to promote low carbon, high technology and low pollution communities in Hong Kong, the U.S., and in the Asia-Pacific region.
- 5) With regard to waste management, EPA and HK EPD intend to promote environmentally sound management of wastes, including the management of end-of-life electronics, through activities such as experience sharing, technical capacity building, training, technology transfer, and enforcement training in Hong Kong, the U.S. and in coordination with regional partners.

This statement reflects the intention of the participants but does not create any legally binding obligations between them. Any collaboration is to be pursued in accordance with applicable laws and procedures in the U.S. and Hong Kong, as the case requires, and subject to the availability of resources.



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